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SUBJECT: MARCH MEETING OF CAP TASK FORCE

REF: (A) STATE 29177 (B) GEORGETOWN 0504

1. DCM CHAIRED TASK FORCE MEETING WHICH INCLUDED USAID, USIS, AND ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICERS.
2. MEETING OPENED WITH OVERALL REVIEW OF THIS YEAR'S COMMERCIAL ACTIVITIES. TASK FORCE WELCOMED REPORT THAT 14 TRADE OPPORTUNITIES SUBMITTED IN FIRST QUARTER OF CY74 ALMOST EQUAL TO TOTAL SUBMISSIONS (16) FOR ALL OF CY73. TO'S NOW RUNNING ABOUT TWO PER WEEK. THIS SIGNIFICANT INCREASE IS DUE IN PART TO PUBLICATION OF COMMERCIAL NEWSLETTER WHICH BEGAN IN DECEMBER.
3. TASK FORCE ALSO NOTED EXCELLENT COOPERATION COMMERCIAL OFFICER HAS RECEIVED FROM USIS. DURING FIRST TWO MONTHS OF CY74 WE HELD SEVERAL SHOWINGS OF VTR'S ON EXIMBANK AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT. TASK FORCE RECOMMENDS COMMERCE WORK CLOSELY WITH USIA WASHINGTON TO PRODUCE MORE COMMERCIAL-TYPE VTR'S ON SUBJECTS SUCH AS FCIA, TRADE OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM, AND TARGET INDUSTRY MATERIAL SPONSORED PERHAPS BY U.S. PRIVATE FIRMS.
4. ECON/COMMERCIAL OFFICER REPORTED PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF HEAVY EQUIPMENT INVENTORY DISAPPOINTING DUE PRIMARILY TO FINANCIAL CRISIS FACING GOG. DETERIORATED ECONOMIC SITUATION WILL CAUSE MUCH OF GUYANA'S DEVELOPMENT PLAN TO REMAIN UNIMPLEMENTED THIS YEAR.

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5. TASK FORCE AGREED RELOCATION OF COMMERCIAL LIBRARY TO

EMBASSY MAIN ENTRANCE AREA WOULD IMPROVE ITS APPEARANCE AND ENCOURAGE MORE VISITORS. MOVE IS NOW COMPLETED. USIS WILL SUPPLY POSTERS AND PROMOTIONAL MATERIAL FOR LIBRARY. TASK FORCE EXPRESSED VIEW THAT COMMERCE SHOULD PREPARE A COMPREHENSIVE BIBLIOGRAPHY OF COMMERCIAL BOOKS AND PERIODICALS, INCLUDING PRICE AND SHORT SUBSTANTIVE DESCRIPTION OF EACH ENTRY.

6. AS REPORTED IN REF (B) TASK FORCE AGREES IT SHOULD MEET QUARTERLY RATHER THAN MONTHLY. NEXT MEETING SCHEDULED FOR JUNE. KREBS

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